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## THE FILIPINO AS A LABORER

SLAVERY IS SOMETIMES DESIRED.

Accepted as Means of Discharging Family Debts—Conditions in the Archipelago Described by Taft Commission.

The Filipino, according to the latest report of the Taft Commission, is like the majority of his brethren in the drowsy East on the labor question. An increase of wages to him means a decrease in the number of working days; he is a firm believer in this respect in an inviolable ratio.

"Wages have doubled, and in many cases tripled, throughout the archipelago since 1898," remarks the report, "but in many instances the immediate result of doubling the wage is to induce the laborer to work just half as many days."

The Commission has this to say on the labor problem:

"The Commission is not prepared to make recommendations in regard to the admission of Chinese as laborers. It is very difficult to secure good labor in the islands, especially skilled labor. Labor such as is secured is irregular, poor, and much more expensive for work done than in the United States. There is not the slightest danger of pauper competition in these islands with the laborers of the United States."

A Reduced Tariff Desired. Regarding the tariff, the Commission asks for a reduction of 50 per cent in the duty of tobacco, hemp, and sugar and other merchandise coming from the islands.

"It is certain," they say, "that the trade between them and the United States under the new tariff will increase by leaps and bounds. Such generosity would much strengthen the bonds between

the Filipino and American people, and it is earnestly recommended."

The population of Manila is reported of a most miscellaneous character, with the criminal class well represented. There are 60,000 Chinese, perhaps 7,500 Americans, as many more Spaniards and other Europeans, and of Filipinos of all tribes and languages 175,000. Manila is 500 years old, is the largest city in the Philippines and has the worst transportation facilities for a community of its size and importance in the world.

A Government Cab Service. There is fortune and fame for the ubiquitous American cabbie if he but go there. The cab system is so defective that it is necessary for the Government to maintain a large number of Government cabs for the use of the public offices during business hours. A stringent law has been passed forbidding the use of such conveyances after hours or for the purpose of conveying employees from their homes to their offices.

It costs seven fares to ride on the only street car line in Manila as the railway is divided into as many divisions and possesses, as motor power, mules.

Power to Grant Franchises. Taking these facts as a text the Commission observes:

"The reasons for conferring upon some authority the power to grant franchises in this country are manifold, but there is no better illustration of the overwhelming necessity for such a power than is shown in the case of street railway facilities in Manila."

"It is earnestly recommended that Congress confer upon the Commission, with such restrictions as may seem wise, including the necessity for confirmation by the Secretary of War or the President, the right to grant franchises of this kind in the towns and cities of the archipelago."

The Municipal Code. The Commission is well satisfied with the workings of the municipal code now in force and the officers administering the laws governing it.

"There have been individual instances of misconduct on the part of municipal officers, which have been promptly punished by suspension or removal from office," states the Commission. "Violation of the oath of allegiance has not yet been proved against a single president."

Touching on the many non-Christian tribes in the islands about which it was

difficult to obtain much authentic information, the Commission reports as follows:

"The Moro tribes of southern Mindanao, the Sulu Archipelago, Balabac, and southern Palawan are the only ones among these non-Christian people which could afford any serious menace to public order or to the peace of any important portion of the archipelago. Thanks to the good judgment of the military officers in those regions, the friendliest relations have thus far been maintained with the Moros of the Sulu Archipelago and of the districts of Zamboanga, Cotabato, and Davao. The Moros of the Lake Lanao region have long been reputed the fiercest and most uncompromising members of their tribe. The Spanish Government spent several years in an unavailing attempt to subdue them."

Slavery in Various Forms. It appears from the report that slavery is widespread among the Moros, but only in a very mild form. In many instances it is the result of natives accepting bondage as a means of discharging family debts.

In the majority of cases slaves are treated kindly, and they are frequently allowed time and opportunity to earn money, so that it is possible for them to redeem themselves if they desire to do so.

Slavery in its worst form exists among the wild tribes of Mindanao who are Dravidian in their beliefs, sacrificing their slaves to propitiate heathen deities.

Repulsive as these facts are, says the report, it is left to enact laws or issue orders until they can be made effective. The Commission believes that the slavery question can be settled without resort to violent measures.

ANYTHING TO GET HIM BACK. Divorced Jewess Ready to Support ex-Husband, But He Escapes.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—A young woman living at 7 Stanton Street, who said she was Mrs. Lena Kessler, caused the arrest of David Kessler, of 39 First Avenue, on Wednesday night on complaint of having stolen her gold watch and chain.

When she appeared in the Yorkville Police Court she declared that the man was her husband, and she wanted to make an additional complaint of desertion and non-support. The prisoner said he had been married to the woman, but he had obtained a divorce from her in the Supreme Court, and that she had given him the watch and chain previous to the divorce.

"That divorce is no good," interrupted the woman. "He is a Jew and so am I, and no divorce is good unless he gets it from the rabbi."

Magistrate Denel told her that divorces granted by the courts were the only legal ones in this country. She then said she would not insist on his supporting her, but she would support him if the magistrate would order him to live with her again. She loved him, she said, and she had heard that he was going to marry another woman. The magistrate at once discharged Kessler. The woman tried to embrace him, but he made a dash for the door and escaped her for a time. She caught him in the street, however, and there was a scuffle. The woman returned to court with a bruise over her left eye. She wanted a warrant for the arrest of her former husband then on a charge of assault. The magistrate refused to issue one and she was ordered out of court.

SLEPT FOR SIX MONTHS. Boy Wakes Up After Being Thrice Pronounced Dead.

CEDARHURST, L. I., Dec. 20.—William Smith, seven-year-old son of William Smith, who for six months has been in a comatose condition, sat up in bed yesterday and has a fighting chance for his life. He had been knocked down by a runaway horse six months ago, and the family physician pronounced him dead. Preparations were about to be made for the funeral, when the boy again opened his eyes and began breathing again. For days the only signs of life were the faint heart beats.

A week later he was again pronounced dead and subsequently revived, but was blind. He was given up for the third time last month.

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## NEWS AND GOSSIP FROM GEORGETOWN

### DRAMATIC PERFORMANCE GIVEN.

Georgetown Students in Theirs! Please a Large Audience—Street Car Complaints to Be Presented.

The three-act comedy, "A Pair of Spectacles," was presented at Gaston Hall last night by the Georgetown University Dramatic Association. The performance was one of the best in the history of the association. Elaborate preparations were made for the occasion. The club had been rehearsing the play for several weeks under the direction of Prof. Charlemagne Kochler.

The cast was as follows: Ben Goldfinch, C. Moran Berry; Percy, his son, Walter P. Grima; Dick, his nephew, Charles Cox; Gregory, a pessimist, Alexander L. Rorke; Larimer, John Rorke, Jr.; Mr. George, James A. Gannon; Bartholomew, a shoemaker, Frank V. Latham; Douglass, a shoemaker, Thomas S. Farrelly; Jeeve, a butler, Ralph O'Reilly; Antonio, a chef, Bernard McKenna; C. Moran Berry, who played the principal part in the comedy, has played the leading roles at the annual plays of the association for the past three years.

A Hearing on Street Car Service. The Tenleytown Citizens' Association will be granted a hearing before the District Commissioners during the week of January 6 in regard to the schedule of the Georgetown and Tenleytown Railroad. At the last meeting of the association the

irregularity of the road's schedule was the principal topic discussed and a committee was appointed to investigate the matter.

The Engineer Commissioner, Major John Biddle, recommended to his associates that a hearing be given the committee and also recommended that the railroad have a representative present, in order that both sides might be heard at the same time.

Mrs. Southworth's Old Home.

Prospect Cottage, the home of the late Mrs. E. D. N. Southworth, is for sale. Mrs. Southworth was widely known as a very prolific writer of romantic stories, the early ones contributing substantially to the remarkable circulation of the "New York Ledger."

During Mrs. Southworth's life, she re-

fused to dispose of the cottage at any price, indignantly turning away all prospective purchasers. Prospect Cottage is pictured as the frontispiece in nearly all of the editions of Mrs. Southworth's novels. The cottage itself is not now an imposing structure, though its location is considered very desirable. It is owned at present by the daughter of Mrs. Southworth.

Neighborhood Notes.

The young ladies of the Academy of the Visitation will leave today for their respective homes to spend the Christmas holidays.

The new heating apparatus to accommodate both the Curtis and Addison School Buildings, will not be in operation until January 15, the contractor's time having been extended to that date. The new

heating plant with necessary buildings will cost \$16,000.

On Wednesday night Leo S. Shoenheit and Miss Fannie Pach were united in marriage. The wedding was a quiet one.

Motorman Injured on His Own Car.

The brake handle on a car on the Metropolitan Railway on which F. L. Sale, twenty-six years of age, was motorman, struck him on the side of the head at the corner of Fourteenth and E Capitol Streets about 6:30 o'clock this morning, inflicting a painful scalp wound. He was taken to his home, 818 H Street southwest, by friends.

Copper Broker Suspends.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—William Sargent, a prominent copper broker here, has announced his suspension.

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